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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SE, US

SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES - U.S. IMAGE

REF: LONDON 13342

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN AWARE THAT TERMINATION OF PL 480 PROGRAM MIGHT BECOME POLITICAL ISSUE BUT AT TIME OF POLITICAL OFFICER SHERMAN'S LAST VISIT IN SEPTEMBER MANCHAM HAD NOT CHOSEN TO MAKE IT ONE. BOTH MANCHAM AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR TODD INDICATED TO SHERMAN THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD REASONS FOR TERMINATION AND NEED TO FIND ALTERNATE SOURCES. SIMILARLY, WHEN USAID ADVISED GOS OF TERMINATION, OFFICIALS HAD ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION BUT SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD DIFFICULTIES.

2. MANCHAM MAY BE MAKING ISSUE OF TERMINATION BECAUSE HE HAS TAKEN PERSONAL CREDIT FOR PL 480 PROGRAM SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND MUST NOW PUT ONUS FOR CUT-OFF ON USG. PRIMARILY BECAUSE MANCHAM HAS TAKEN PERSONAL CREDIT FOR FEEDING PROGRAM IT HAS NOT TO DATE BEEN, AS HE DESCRIBES, A QTE QUID UNQTE FOR POPULAR ACCEPTANCE OF TRACKING STATION.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT FEEL THERE HAS BEEN MAJOR DETERIORATION OF  
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PR ASPECT OF TRACKING STATION, ALTHOUGH MANCHAM CAN UNDOUBTEDLY

ENGINEER SUCH A DEVELOPMENT IF HE PERCEIVES IT POLITICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS. IN FACT, TRACKING STATION, THROUGH ITS CHARITIES COMMITTEE, MAKES SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL BENEFITS, AN ACTIVITY THAT RECEIVES LITTLE OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC RECOGNITION.

4. IDEALLY, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE PL 480 PRE- AND PRIMARY SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM, WHICH AT ITS PEAK HELPED FEED 6,800 NEEDY CHILDREN. BUT AS COMMODITY SHORTAGES APPARENTLY MAKE THIS IMPOSSIBLE, WE WILL SEEK OTHER WAYS TO DEFUSE ISSUE. CHARGE HAD ALREADY PLANNED -- SUBJECT TO AF CONCURRENCE -- TRIP TO SEYCHELLES IN EARLY DECEMBER (PER LINDSTROM-COOTE LETTER OF NOV. 8) AND WILL TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO MANCHAM ONCE AGAIN REASONS FOR PL 480 CLOSE-OUT. CHARGE WILL ALSO SEEK TO GENERATE PUBLICITY FOR OTHER U.S. PROJECTS ON ISLANDS BY SIGNING NEW SELF-HELP AGREEMENT, VISITING COMPLETED AND ON-GOING PROJECTS FINANCED UNDER EARLIER SELF-HELP AGREEMENTS, AND ACQUAINTING APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WITH TRACKING STATION'S GOOD WORKS. FINALLY, HE WILL INVESTIGATE ADVISABILITY OF RECOMMENDING INCREASE IN LEVEL OF SELF-HELP FUNDS AND/OR PROPOSED PEACE CORPS PROGRAM. LINDSTROM

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